Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—This question was brought up for discussion during the time of Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao. It was then decided that remission should be given whenever crops failed. This year there being no proper rains during the *Jyeshta* month, it was not possible to cultivate any of our lands. In some cases small tanks have dried up completely. In some villages, people had no water even to drink.

Dewan.—If decrease in capacity of tanks is brought to the notice of the Revenue and Public Works Departments, necessary enquiry will be made. The rules regarding remission, now under consideration, will be issued shortly. You may compare them with the Bombay rules and then make further representations, if any.

(*Vide.*—Also Dewan's concluding remarks in Appendix G.)

SUBJECT No. 17.

Introduction of the Bombay System of granting remission of wet assessment.

Messrs. (1) Dodda Ramegowda and Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; (2) Seenappa, Kolar District Board; and (3) K. Krishnamurtiachar and Nagegowda, Mulbagal Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—(1) & (2). The Bombay System of granting remission of wet assessment, whenever the crops fail, on account of inadequate water-supply, may be introduced into our State very early as already promised by Government.

(3) The *kandayam* already paid on such lands this year may be refunded.

Note.—Discussed with Subject No. 16.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Abolition of the *Supari* Cess on *Bagayet* lands.

Messrs. Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao and Nadig Seetharamappa, Sorab Taluk

Mr. Nadig Lakshmana Rao.—The *supari* cess was first introduced on account of *koleroga* and was confined only to the *malnad* areas. This cess has been extended to the *maidan* parts as well without assigning any reason although *koleroga* is not prevalent in the *maidan* parts I therefore request that the *supari* cess on *bagayet* lands may kindly be cancelled. It is over 20 years since this experiment was introduced and now it can be abolished.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab.—This cess which is intended only for the *Malnad* parts should not be levied in the *maidan* tracts as nothing is spent out of the fund for the benefit of those tracts. The Agricultural Department use only kerosene oil for spraying which has no effect on the *koleroga*. This disease will have to be eradicated root and branch and we are in some respects able to combat with this kind of disease. This cess may be abolished, as we have to pay Education Cess also, and other remedies found for the eradication of the disease.

Dewan.—It may not be possible to abolish this cess; the matter will however be considered.

Note.—With reference to the statement made above that the work of the Agricultural Department in connection with the spraying against *koleroga* of Supari, was a failure, and some other subjects pertaining to that Department that were discussed during his absence in the